



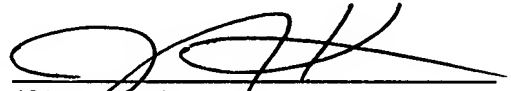
**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2007, please consider the following. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond up to and including July 23, 2007, and a Credit Card Payment Form for the requisite fee are included herewith. Please charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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